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War Highlights

ITALY

The Benedictine Monastery, atop Mt. Cassino, was finally bombed by the Allies. For over a month German fortifications in the Abbey had prevented advances or progress in the fighting of Cassino, and blocked the "road to Rome."

Meanwhile Allied troops maintained pressure in the Anzio bridgehead area, while small German attacks were being repulsed in the Carroceta area. In Cassino house to house fighting has gained about a third of the city for the Allies. Results of a more progressive type are now expected in all areas in Italy with the removal of the Nazi hold loosened in Cassino.

RUSSIA

Red forces continue to push back the Germans in all fighting positions. Action is directed at concentrating all effort in pushing the Nazi on all sides toward Pskov, which is the doorway to Lower Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Moscow announced that there is an excellent chance of the Nazis being shoved completely out of Russia in about five weeks.

EUROPE

Britain took steps this past week to get a tight grip on a 150,000-square-mile ocean area, extending from Ireland to Spain—enclosing the entire Bay of Biscay. She warned that any ship, without authority, venturing within the limits would do so at its own peril. The move will prevent even neutral observation of a key area in which plans for the Allied opening of a western front are in progress.

Irish and Spanish shipping will be affected because their trade takes them outside of territorial waters.

PACIFIC

The occupation of the Green Islands this past week by American and New Zealand forces completed the campaign for the Solomon Islands.

The move climaxed a drive that had started on 7 August 1942 with Marine landings on Tulagi and Guadalcanal.

"War Humor is Theme of WAVES On the Air

Cedar Falls "WAVES on the Air" program originated from station KXEL, Iowa State Teachers College, on Monday, 14 February, at 1600, had as its theme, "War Humor." Mrs. Catherine Gates, wife of Professor George Gates of the English faculty of Iowa State Teachers College presented a paper on this topic and was assisted in her illustrations by several WAVES who enacted short skits. The following participated:

Cynthia Daly, Cedar Rapids, Ia.
Mary Bills, Judith Gap, Montana
Marcella Denlinger, Hudson, O.
Shirley Rann, Berwyn, Illinois
Irene Friedkin, Beverly Hills, California.

Gloria Menrich, Buffalo, N. Y.
Beverly Zarling, Cleveland, Ohio
Jane Towle, Derby, Connecticut
Margaret Dunn, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Some of the sources of war humor, Mrs. Gates says, are the radio, movies, theatre, cartoons, new conditions affecting the daily lives of civilians and humor originating with the men and women in service themselves.

Several of Mrs. Gates' illustrative jokes were cleverly adapted for radio skits and were acted out by the WAVES.

The WAVES Chorus also contributed to the program by singing "WAVES of the Navy."

Garrison Cap Now Authorized For (WR) Officer Uniform

Ships Company Show, "Anybody's Headache", is Tops

Now it can be told! All the mystery and suspense surrounding the Ship's Company show was unveiled last Tuesday evening when they presented "Anybody's Headache" before an enthusiastic audience of Officers, Trainees and Cadets.

Every act was a headliner in its own right; every costume a color panorama. Edward Vincent's portrayal of the "fat lady" (?) wowed everyone, and equally generous cheers were given for Mary Bosser's lovely singing. Thelma Smith's rendition of "My Buddie" brought out lonely tears from some of the seamen.

Not to be forgotten was the beautifully painted side-show posters, and the striking costumes and makeup in the "Liza Jane" scene. And who could forget the antics of the "Barker" in the person of Helen Whiteside who not only did a grand job of clowning but also directed the entire show.

"Anchors Aweigh," "This is the Navy," "Ginny the Ninny," "Hup, Two, Three, Four," "Sailing with the Navy," and "I Need a Guy."

District Order Presents Uniform For The Entire Year

Uniforms for Women's Reserve personnel of the NINTH Naval District have been set forth by a District Order recently received on this station.

The Navy blue garrison cap, now authorized for male personnel, may be worn by officers and chief petty officers within Station Limits when prescribed by the Commanding Officer. Insignia of rank shall be worn on the right side of the cap and miniature cap device on left side of cap, each two inches from front edge.

The following regulations shall govern the uniform of officers and enlisted women for the entire year:

From 15 April to 30 June, inclusive, officers and enlisted women may wear either Service Dress Blue, B, or Working Uniform.

From 1 July to 31 August, inclusive, officers and enlisted women will wear the Working Uniform.

From 1 September to 31 October, inclusive, officers and enlisted women may wear either Service Dress Blue, B, or Working Uniform.

From 1 November to 15 April officers and enlisted women will wear Service Dress Blue, A.

When the Working Uniform is designated as the uniform of the day, officers may wear the Working Uniform at all official ceremonies and semi-formal occasions. For dress, Service Dress White or Service Dress Blue, B, may be worn by both officers and enlisted women.

Uniform definitions are being published this week in the DRESS RIGHT, DRESS! column so that all officers and enlisted personnel may familiarize themselves with the various uniforms prescribed in the foregoing paragraphs.

FRIENDLY HOUR TO SING PRAISES OF SUNNY CALIF.

"California Here I Come!" No, it's not an outgoing unit singing, it's just native Californians praising their home state at this Sunday's Friendly Hour—1830.

MOVIES

WEEK END 19-20 FEBRUARY

SATURDAY

1930—"North Star"—A Samuel Goldwyn Special with Anne Baxter, Dona Andrews, and Walter Huston. RKO News Reel. "Trombone Trouble"—Disney Cartoon.

SUNDAY

1400—"Beautiful But Broke"—with Joan Davis, John Hubbard, Jane Frazee, Bob Haymes.—A comedy, "Ten Pin Aces"—Sports Reel. Community Sing.

U S O

WEEK END 19-20 FEBRUARY

Welcome, Welcome New Trainees!

The local bus will be your ship,
Set sail this first week-end,
The U.S.O. will be the port,
To greet each new WAVE friend.

A very special welcome door mat is being donated for new trainees.

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Open Letter to IOWAVES on Duty

Cedar Falls has had its first real snow fall of the year and those officers on the station, who were here last year with many of you, have been reminiscing about those early days.

Once again platoons are going for Saturday afternoon and evening sleigh rides—a few platoon parties were held Valentine's Day in the Rose, East and Main Deck Lounges. Platoons are singing lustily in the snappy Iowa weather just as you did last winter. There are new songs, too, but the old ones are still as good as always. Each new seaman group that comes in for training is told of the traditions of this station that have developed through the months.

All of you out on active duty had a share in creating these traditions. We continue to be proud of you and know that you are upholding the IOWAVE tradition on your active duty assignments.

Remember the rhythmic clicking of the typewriters as you advanced in typing speed day by day and week by week? Well, that continues to be a familiar sound from our classrooms as does the Chinese chant of a whole class transcribing the latest involvement of John Lee Brown in Naval procedure. And the spontaneous laughter comes from the gym as perhaps an especially awkward trainee attempts a graceful dance. Yes, you'd feel very much at home if you returned here to visit us.

Our thoughts go out frequently to those of you who received your training in Cedar Falls. Eagerly we hope for any word of each of you and of the work you are doing for the Navy. Whenever you find time we would enjoy hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,
Elizabeth Hall, Lt. USNR,
Senior Officer (WR),

(For all the officers in
Cedar Falls.)

BARTLETT BINNACLE

A most unmilitary giggle arose the other day during a spelling test in correspondence class when Mrs. Dunbar dictated the comparatively innocent word "espionage" to Section 21. "What," she demanded, "is the joke." It was then admitted that Seaman Espenshade has been answering to that uncomplimentary term for the past few weeks.

The "Crosbyites" and "Swoon-atrirates" are at it agin, feudin' we means. Some critters say that Crosby kin sing better'n The Voice, but—well, let me tell you my tale: Their r sume waves in a big building calld bartlet hull sum plase in Ioway, and these hear waves put pichers up on there dors. 1 gurl ('scuse, seeman) put all thees pichers of Frank Sinatra on her dor, n' the seemen next dor didnt lik it so they startd a aunty-Sinatra campain. The seemen in sekshun fourteen were asked to sine there names on a reel funny picher if they didn't like Sinatra, and there were quiet a few names. The pichers was removed the nex day, so nobody nos whos the best yet.

At Section 41's Valentine Party last Monday the highlight of the evening was a mock wedding performed by Seaman Shirley Rann and Seaman Anita Misalsky, with Seaman Candance Hunt officiating. Seaman Mary (Aloha) Hanigan did a realistic hula-hula and Seaman (Carmen Miranda) Francis Bell, and Seaman Edith (Capt.

Kidd) Smith did the Conga.

Irene Friedkin of Section 14 is very fond of onions. Friday night Irene ate a raw onion as a connoisseur of the odiferous vegetable should. After quiet hour on the mentioned night a passerby remarked to her companion in the passageway, "Do you smell a Victory Garden?"

Seaman Friedkin realized immediately that perhaps Inspecting Parties objected to the odor of Victory gardens, too, so the result was that Billet 222A was given the air.

Seaman MacDonald of Section 31 has given up long hair for the duration. Although she has had it cut several times during her stay at Cedar Falls, the uniform officer still says, "Cut your hair, Seaman!"

'Tis rumored that five seamen who stood watch last Saturday received aptitude slips! Tsk! Tsk! But—they were notes of commendation for standing a good watch and were turned into the Company Commander.

Have you heard about the pair of real silk stockings Section 31 has. Lillian Lipsburg is the envied possessor and says she received them from a friend in the South Pacific.

Saturday, 12 February, Section 14 went on a sleigh ride. The affair was pronounced a huge success by all who went.

Little Frying Pan, Where Didst Thou Go?

Once upon a time there was a little frying pan, who, it appeared, was wanted by nobody. After being handed from one person to the other, it finally got into the hands of an efficient messenger in Bartlett Hall, who brought it to Billet 188A according to orders. All this happened on last Sunday morning and when the messenger knocked timidly on the door of Billet 188A, Yeoman Adams sleepily answered, "Come in. (Snore, snore)" The messenger hastily said she had brought her a frying pan, whereupon Adams wondered if she had brought the eggs and bacon, too. After getting one eye open, Adams told the messenger she didn't want the frying pan but the messenger insisted she was carrying out the order of a superior officer. So far be it from Adams to contradict and with an-

other sleepy "O.K." from the bed, the messenger departed thinking, "I have performed my duty."

Later that morning Adams had visitors. Several eyes popped wide open seeing the poor little frying pan looking very much out of place but nevertheless holding the place of esteem on Adams' lone chair. Being questioned, Adams merely answered "It's a gift from heaven," because she knew no more about it than the questioners.

It appears that a certain officer got her decks mixed up and should have told the messenger Billet 288A. Now the little frying pan is safely in the hands of its foster mother, and no one knows whether the officer in question had her bacon and eggs for Sunday morning breakfast or not.

Dress Right, Dress!

Uniform Definitions

OFFICERS

- (1) Service Dress Blue, A
Uniform: Navy blue jacket and skirt.
Hat: Navy blue hat cover. (Navy blue garrison cap may be worn within station limits when prescribed by Commanding officer):
Gloves: Black. White gloves may be worn for dress.
Shoes: Black. Oxfords or pumps, optional.
Purse: Black.
- (2) Service Dress Blue, B.
Same as (1) above with following exceptions:
Hat: White hat cover. (Navy blue garrison cap may be worn within station limits when prescribed by Commanding Officer).
Gloves: White.
- (3) Working Uniform.
Uniform: Gray shirtwaist dress, gray jacket. Rank insignia on collar of dress. Jacket may be removed indoors.
Hat: Gray hat cover. (Navy blue garrison cap may be worn within station limits when prescribed by Commanding Officer).
Gloves: Black gloves optional with this uniform.
Shoes: Black.
Purse: Black.
- (4) Service Dress White.
Uniform: White jacket and skirt.
Hat: White hat cover.
Shirt: White cotton or silk, long or short sleeves.
Shoes: White.
Gloves: White.
Purse: White cover.

ENLISTED WOMEN

- (1) Service Dress Blue, A.
Same as (1) above with following exceptions:
Hat: Navy blue, brim turned down in front.
Shirt: Navy blue for work, rating badges on sleeves. Jacket may be removed indoors only when Navy blue shirt is worn. Reserve blue shirt may be worn for dress by enlisted women only until those in their possession are no longer serviceable. White cotton or silk, long or short sleeves, may be worn for dress.
- (2) Service Dress, Blue, B.
Same as (2) above with the following exceptions:
Hat: White and Navy hat, brim turned down in front.

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Ens. Williams Logs Out; Ens. Bancroft To Log In

Ensign Ruth M. Williams, Selection and Visual Aids Officer, was detached from this station on Tuesday, 15 February, and proceeded to Great Lakes, Illinois where she will report to the Commandant of the NINTH Naval District for a new assignment. Miss Williams had been attached to this station for one year. Her duties here will be taken over by Ensign Bess Campbell who will handle Selection, and Ensign Helen Berlin who will have charge of Visual Aids.

Orders have been received at the Personnel office for Ensign Cecyl L. Bancroft W-V (S), USNR, who will report to this command in about a week's time for duty. She has been on duty in the EL-EVENTH Naval District.

Trainees May Receive Free Legal Advice

Many of the trainees at Cedar Falls Naval Training School are unaware that legal advice is obtainable on this station. Lt. W. N. McCown, Instruction Officer, is the Legal Advisor for this station and will be glad to assist any trainee with a legal problem at any time.

It is not necessary to make an appointment to see Lt. McCown, nor is it necessary to go through the chain of command to see him. His office is on the second deck of the Instruction Building and his office hours are from 0800 to 1630. Trainees may see him at their own convenience when they have legal problems on which they want advice.

Lt. Harris Writes Of Etiquette And Customs

Lt. Mary Virginia Harris, USNR, Instruction Officer, USNTS, Bronx, New York, is the author of a new handbook of etiquette and customs for WAVES and Spars, "Guide Right."

The book is an A to Z compendium of information for those in or about to enter these two branches of the Women's Reserve. It includes information on what types of civilian experience are most useful, what kinds of special training are offered, what the chances of advancement are. One of the features which new recruits will find especially helpful is a diagram of how to tie a Navy tie.

Lt. Harris was born in 1910 in St. Louis, Missouri, received her A.B. from Washington University and her A.M. from the University of Chicago. She was in England when the war broke out but returned to this country to become Assistant Dean of Women at Maryland College for Women, Lutherville, Maryland.

She volunteered as soon as the WAVES were authorized and has been in the service since its beginning, going to Northampton in August, 1942, with the first group.

Media, Pennsylvania is Lt. Harris's legal address.

SHIP'S COMPANY ANNOUNCES RATING ADVANCEMENTS

Advancements in rating have gone to the following members of Ship's Company:

Katherine Lawton from PhM2-c to PhM1-c.

Mary Bossert, Aili Strand, and Rhoda Swanson from SK3-c to SK2-c.



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LT. MARY VIRGINIA HARRIS, U.S.N.R.

Author of
"Guide Right"
(Macmillan)

Buglers Are Human

"But the hardest blow of all
Is to hear the bugle call,
"You've got to get up"

Are buglers human? Despite their merciless task of awakening others, buglers are really human. For instance, take Helen Hempy of Section 23, who comes from South St. Paul, Minnesota. In high school she played a cornet in the high school band and in the summer bugled at a Girl Scout camp. Helen is also a fine pianist, as East Lounge habitués will testify.

Anthia Card, of Section 14, once belonged to the Rhode Island Girl Scouts' State Bugle and Drum Corps. One summer she earned her way at a Vermont camp by bugling the daily schedule. During boot training at Hunter she played for colors and at the regimental reviews.

Yes, buglers ARE human, but cast in heroic mold. Who but a bugler would brave the dark and the cold at 2200, to send all the IOWAVES off to slumberland in the best Navy manner?

Chaplain Kettelle Tells of Trip on Transport

On Monday evening, 14 February, Chaplain J. D. Kettelle spoke at the Congregational Church in Cedar Falls to the Couples Club. He related his experiences on a trip overseas on a transport ship in the last war.

On Tuesday evening, 15 February, Chaplain Kettelle spoke to the Boy Scouts of the Baptist Church in Plainfield, Iowa. The occasion was their annual Fathers & Sons Banquet.

Suggestion For February 22



RELIGION

Friday and Saturday, 1830—Catholic Confessions will be heard in the Chaplain's Office.

Sunday—0715—Muster for Catholic Mass (see Handbook for Directions).

0725—CATHOLIC MASS.

0725—Station Choir and Station Service Ushers muster for mess in Main Deck Lounge.

0800—Station Choir Muster—First deck, first wing of Bartlett Hall. Exit "M" to go to rehearsal.

0820—Station Service Ushers muster Main Deck Lounge.

0840—Muster for Station Service. Jewish girls muster Main Deck Lounge.

0900—STATION SERVICE—Auditorium.

0900—JEWISH SERVICE—Faculty Lounge, Gilchrist Hall.

1000—COMMUNION SERVICE—Gilchrist Chapel.

The Chaplain plans to be in his office as much as possible during trainees' free time for personal conferences or for just friendly visits.

RECREATION

SATURDAY—

SPORTS

Consult Administrative Notice No. 2-44.

Ice Skating—College Pond.

Swimming—1600-1700.

Badminton, Basketball, Volleyball, Ping Pong—214G.

Equipment may be obtained from the Physical Education Office from 1330-1600.

For Riding, Bowling, Roller Skating, and Hiking see Special Notice No. 2-44.

MOVIES

1930—"North Star"—A Samuel Goldwyn Special with Anne Baxter, Dona Andrews, and Walter Huston. RKO News Reel. "Trombone Trouble"—Disney Cartoon.

USO

Cedar Falls USO Club, 3rd and Clay Street Regular services—Lounges—reading, letter writing, games. Ballroom and late records. Information, etc. Free snack bar. Thread and needle service. Housing (Call Mrs. Geo. Mach at 434 week days or 1601, Saturday and Sunday.)

SUNDAY—

SPORTS

Ice Skating, Swimming, Badminton, Basketball, Ping Pong, Volleyball—same as above.

Equipment may be obtained from the Physical Education Office from 1400-1500.

1500-1600—Officers' Swimming.

MOVIES

1400—"Beautiful But Broke"—with Joan Davis, John Hubbard, Jane Frazee, Bob Haymes.—A comedy, "Ten Pin Aces"—Sports Reel. Community Sing.

MUSIC HOUR

1600—Main Deck Lounge. Listener's Choice.

FRIENDLY HOUR

1830—East Lounge—Native Californians will sing the praises of their state. There will be pictures and state songs.

TUESDAY—

MUSIC HOUR

1830-1930—Main Deck Lounge—Professor Carl A. Wirth of the ITC Music Faculty will bring a selection of records from the College record library. (Titles not announced).

MONDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY—

SWIMMING

1630-1730—Women's Gymnasium.

Sport Chatter

Swimming Meet Date Set For March 1

Trainees attention! There will be a swimming meet on Wednesday, 1 March, from 1930 to 2030.

Events will be for each class of swimmers, beginners, intermediates, and advanced, and each platoon will have a swimming manager who will take the names of those interested.

Everyone who wants to be in the meet, must be signed up by 22 February, and those who do not wish to participate will be welcome as spectators.

BOWLING

"Everybody's Headache" must have been on Captain Ruth Larson's (Y1-c) mind including the rest of Ship's Company. They lost 2 games and won 1 from Pfeiffers on Friday, 11 February 1944.

Ship's Company rolled 2032 against 2155 pins. Capt. Ruth Larson knocked down 188 pins for high game and also claimed 513 for high series on her team.

Proper Exercise Improves Posture

"Exercise is not drudgery, but fun, and it has great value for conditioning and toning up the body, said Ensign L. A. Goodenow, Recreation Officer. "It improves posture, which is an important standpoint of appearance, and it relieves unnecessary fatigue from class work."

There is bowling in the bowling alleys in Cedar Falls and Waterloo, ice-skating on the College pond, and the gymnasium facilities are available to the trainees during free time.

The swimming pool is open five days a week and individual instruction is always available. Swimming is a good exercise for the whole body, and is helpful in bettering posture.

"Let's start a campaign. Let's each of us be conscious of our own posture and that of the people most closely associated with us, and let's exercise," Miss Goodenow suggested.

DRESS RIGHT! DRESS

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Gloves: White.

(3) Working Uniform.

Same as (3) above with the following exceptions.

Uniform Rating badges worn on sleeves of both dress and jacket.

Meet the Staff

Ensign Helen L. Buck

"I think the Navy is wonderful and I have liked Cedar Falls since the very first day I arrived," declared Ensign Helen L. Buck, Company Commander of the third company, who is from Chester, Pennsylvania.

Miss Buck received her B.S. degree in Commerce from the Drexel Institute of Technology, and did graduate work in Commercial education at Temple University, Philadelphia. Later, she taught commercial subjects and English at Chester High School.

After completing her training at Northampton, Ensign Buck was sent to Hunter College, New York, where she stayed for two weeks. She was then transferred to Cedar Falls, where she has been an instructor in typing and shorthand, OOD, company commander, and where she is now both an instructor and a company commander.

Besides being fond of sports, Miss Buck has two favorite pastimes. She makes silver Indian jewelry and she writes poetry. Miss Buck used to make jewelry for sale, while she was teaching school, and though, now she hasn't much time for silver work, she manages to spend some of her time at it.

Officers Send Snow Flying From Rink

It's full speed ahead at the skating pond again, which is good news for everyone. Thanks to an extremely ambitious group of WAVE officers, the snow was removed from the pond on Monday, amid spurts of hilarious howls and gleeful gasps of, "Wheel! We'll have this pond shipshape in no time."

Yes, the officers donned their G. I. overshoes and stadium boots, and cleared the ice pond "on the double." All of this activity took the place of the regular drill period schedule for the new bevy of snow shovelers of the USS BARTLETT.

It might be added that a number of the officers from warmer climes unused to Iowa's "northerners" stuck to their shovels and kept pace with those from the wintry northlands.

Hat: White and Navy hat, brim turned down in front.

(4) Service Dress White, Same as (4) above with the following exceptions:
Hat: Gray and Navy hat, brim turned down in front.